Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: No, Sir.

Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair: May I know whether the buses are registered under the Municipal Regulation?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: They are Government buses and, as such, are exempted from registration.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (*Karunagapalli Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertalla*): May I know whether it is legal to exempt anybody from the operation of the Municipal Regulation?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: I believe Government property is exempt from the payment of such fees.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi: Have the Government taken legal advice in regard to the matter?

President: Question No. 14 please.

Complaints re *the capacity of the pattapara of the Trippunittura Devaswom.*

14. ***Mr. N. V. Chacko** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received resolutions passed by a public meeting held on the 1st of Kumbham 1113 in the Vatayampady V. P. grant-in-aid school under the presidency of the Rev. Father T. J. Gheevarughese and a memorandum prepared in accordance with the resolutions referred to above;

(*b*) whether these resolutions and memorandum forwarded to the Government by the Rev. Father Gheevarughese relate to the complaints of the people of Vatayampady, Veloor and other places with regard to the capacity of the *pattapara* (പട്ടപ്പറ) of the Trippunittura Devaswom belonging to the Cochin State;

(*c*) whether the capacity of the *pattapara* referred to in a part (*b*) has already been fixed to be 13⅝ idamgazhies as per standard measure:

(*d*) whether any attempt is being made by the Jenmikaram Settlement Office to change its capacity to a higher rate than 13⅝ idamgazhies;

(*e*) whether the capacity of the *pattapara* referred to above has been described to be 15 idamgazhies as per the *agrasala* measure;

(*f*) whether 15 idamgazhies *agrasala* is equal to 12 idamgazhies as per standard measure;

(*g*) whether the Trippunittura Devaswom claims to possess many *patta paras* of different capacities;

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(*h*) whether the Advocate-General and the State Jenmikaram Settlement Officer have passed any orders as referred to in the resolutions sent to the Government with respect to the capacity of the *pattapara* ;

(*i*) whether any action has been taken on these resolutions and memorandum ; and

(*j*) if any final orders have been passed on them, what the orders are ?

Mr. K. George (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The taluk Jenmikaram Settlement Officer, Kunnatnad, found on evidence that the Devaswom *patta para* was equal to the standard *para* plus $3\frac{5}{8}$ idamgazhies and he decided the cases accordingly wherein evidence was forthcoming.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) In some of the Kanom deeds, the Devaswom *patta para* is described as equivalent to 15 idamgazhies as per *agrasala para*, whereas in some others the same *patta para* is stated to be equivalent to 15 idamgazhies as per *Mudrapara*. But on evidence, it was found to be equal to $13\frac{5}{8}$ idamgazhies as per the standard *para*.

(*f*) It is only a rule of presumption or rule of evidence that 15 idamgazhies as per *agrasala para* will be equal to 12 idamgazhies as per standard *para*.

(*g*) There is no information.

(*h*) No.

(*i*) Yes.

(*j*) Government gave an endorsement to the petitioners in their D. Dis. No. 896/38/Rev., dated 26-5-38, to the effect that the Trippunittura Devaswom *patta para* was considered as equivalent to the standard *para* plus $3\frac{5}{8}$ idamgazhies in the Jenmikaram Settlement cases so far decided and that if any decision is found otherwise, the aggrieved party could seek remedy by preferring appeal or revision, as the case may be, under the rules.

Mr. N. V. Chacko : With reference to the answer to part (*e*), may I know how it is that the Devaswom *patta para* is considered as equivalent to 15 idamgazhies as per *agrasala para* and equivalent to 15 idamgazhies as per *Mūdrapara* ?

Mr. K. George : That is in the document.

Mr. N. V. Chacko : May I know whether the *agrasala para* and *Mudrapara* are of the same capacity ?

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Mr. K. George: *Agrasala para* is said to be a *para* measure of 640 cubic inches. What is actually intended in a document is a matter to be decided on evidence.

Mr. N. V. Chacko; May I know whether the matter has not come up for decision?

Mr. K. George: Apparently, no.

Mr. V. S. Arumukham Pillai (*Tovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Are not the *agrasala para* and *Venkala para* one and the same?

Mr. K. George: The member speaks of some other *para*.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar (*Parur, Kunnatnad* and *Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether the *agrasala para* that was in existence before the Weights and Measures Regulation was passed, is in existence in Travancore at present.

Mr. K. George: The standard *para* is the recognised one in Travancore.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether there is difference in capacity between the *paras* that is recognised to be *agrasala para* and the standard *para* that was brought into existence after the Weights and Measures Regulation was passed?

Mr. K. George: I do not quite follow the member.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether there is any difference in the *para* maintained by the Government before and after the Weights and Measures Regulation was passed?

Mr. K. George: That requires an investigation as to what kind of *para* was used by Government for receiving their dues. I have no information at present in the matter.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know whether the Government have not recognised the standard *para* and *agrasala para* as equal in capacity by their order published in the Gazette dated 12-10-1072 *i.e.*, after the Jenmy Kudiyan Regulation V of 1071 was passed?

Mr. K. George: The Government order was to the effect that, ordinarily, *agrasala para* should be treated as a *para* measuring 640 cubic inches. That order of Government is in vogue even now.

Extension of Service to Mr. H. C. Chopra.

15. ***Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any extension of service is granted to Mr. H. C. Chopra, Electrical Executive Engineer, over and above the period for which he was first appointed;

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